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THAT'S JUST WHAT WE OFFER YOU IN THIS CATALOG

By making your selections from the different types of iris offered here you can actually have colorful blooms from earliest spring until fall. Here you will find prize material for the border, rockery, bog or any other location where flowers can grow. With these irises you can have giants with blooms to 1 foot across on 5-foot stems or tiny miniatures practically blooming on the ground. Also as cut flowers the bulb varieties and spurias are unsurpassed. And best of all these irises are hardy, permanent and with few exceptions easily grown everywhere. The iris is our favorite flower and you'll know why when you see some of these beauties bloom in your own garden.

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TALL BEARDED IRIS

AWARDS:

Awards granted by the American Iris Society are indicated by the following abbreviations:

HM—Honorable Mention

AM—Award of Merit

CC—Certificate of Commendation

IRIS TERMS:

AMOENA—White or near white standards and colored falls.

PLICATA—Stitched or stippled color on white or yellow ground.

VARIEGATA—Yellow standards and dark falls.

SELF—Uniform color.

BLEND—Combination of two or more colors.

BICOLOR (2 Colors)—Falls darker than standards.

CULTURE: Tall Bearded Iris can be grown with excellent results in any fertile soil that has reasonable drainage. Whether the soil is neutral, slightly acid or contains lime, makes little or no difference. But sunlight is indispensable. The plants should be so set out that the root (rhizome) is barely underground. If soil is dry at planting time, a thorough soaking is beneficial, but once the plants become established, they require very little moisture after blooming. When the plants become too crowded or decrease their flowering, they should be divided. Bearded Iris will grow but not bloom properly in shaded locations.

SHIPMENT: July 15th to December 1st.

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May-June is

TALL BEARDED IRIS TIME

blooming season of the most colorful flower of all easy-to-grow perennials.

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DAWNING SUN
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GIANT BEARDED IRIS

No perennial can offer as wide a range of colors as the modern tall bearded iris. These beauties are just as easy to grow as the old purple or white varieties and are always a revelation to anyone seeing them in bloom for the first time. Height averages 3 to 4 feet and flowering time is May and June. Easily grown in any sunny location.



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RAINBOW IRIS COLLECTION

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PARTY DRESS
GAYLORD
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I wish to thank you for my order. I have had many plants shipped in my 40 years of gardening but I have never seen such careful packing and such lovely plants. Thanks for the free one. Will be ordering again in the fall.

Mrs. J. E. Looney

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SELECTED TALL BEARDED IRIS

ALI BABA (D. W. Lyon 1952) **Ea. 1.00; 3 for 2.50**
Taupe standards flushed garnet-brown, with broad flaring deep garnet-brown falls. The blooms have a heavy velvety texture that does not burn in the sun. Flowers are well spaced and on tall stems. H.M., A.I.S. 1954. Picture page 5.

APRICOT GLORY (Muhlestein 1951) **Each 1.00; 3 for 2.50**
Smoothly finished light apricot or salmon pink with a self-colored beard and slightly deeper coloring on the hafts. One of the most successful newer iris that has proved itself an excellent parent for many colors including pure orange selfs. Midseason. 35 inches. HM 1951.

ARGUS PHEASANT (DeForest 1948) **Each 1.00; 3 for 2.50**
A most striking iris that thrills all who see it. The huge flower is a uniform light tobacco brown self, beard and all, of remarkable smoothness with a bright coppery sheen. Midseason. About 3½ feet. Dykes Medal 1952. Picture page 11.

BLACK TAFFETA (Songer 1954) **Each 1.50**
Smooth as satin might well describe this black-purple. Beard of black-purple plus wide hafts and nicely ruffled standards and falls. Has proven a welcome addition to our list of choice dark Iris. 34 inches. HM 1955, AM 1957.

BLUEBIRD BLUE (Fay 1953) **Each 1.50**
Large, clear medium blue with a blue beard tipped lemon. Does not fade. Finely tailored form. A flower of classic proportions. Midseason. 3 feet. HM 1954.

BLUE BREAKER (Marx '56) **Ea. 1.50; 3 for 4.00**
A truly superior plicata of snowy white ground, accented by a wide, solid, deep violet blue border and a light blue beard. In our opinion, it excels with a more sharply defined color pattern and better texture. Blooms rather late. 36 inches. Picture page 3.

BLUE SAPPHIRE (Schreiner 1953) **Each 1.00**
Among the numerous and even good blue iris, this off-spring of CHIVALRY and SNOW FLURRY deserves a place with the best. Its extra large size and exquisite purity of color are matched by its stamina and floriferousness. The charming, casual ruffling belies its extra heavy substance. HM 1954, Dykes Medal 1958.

BLUMOHR (Marx 1949) **Each 1.50; 3 for 4.00**
A distinct color break that resulted from a cross from WM. MOHR and ORLOFF. The rare color is purest lavender, near plumbago blue with no veining whatsoever — not even on the hafts. The large opulent flowers are of exceptional substance and even in adverse weather remain in perfect condition in the garden for 3 to 4 days. Midseason. 36 inches. HM 1949, AM 1952.

CAMPFIRE GLOW (Whiting 1947) **Each .75**
Intensely brilliant ruby red with a coppery sheen. The color is uniform even to the beard with no haft venation whatsoever. Medium sized flowers on 3-foot stems. Late midseason. HM AIS 1947. Picture page 10.

CANDY STRIPE (Marx '54) **Ea. 1.00; 3 for 2.50**
This gay, sparkling plicata appeals instantly with its bold, sharp color pattern and the elegant ruffling of the standards and falls. The purple border color is so heavily massed, especially on the standards, it appears like a purple dome over a white interior. The large flowers are perfectly placed. Each plant is in bloom for several weeks. Picture page 5.

CARMELA (R. Schreiner 1955) **Each 2.00**
Large, broad - petaled, deep honey - colored flowers with both standards and falls heavily laced and crinkled. Midseason. 38 inches. HM 1955.

CATHEDRAL BELLS (Wallace 1953) **Each 1.00; 3 for 2.50**
One of the newer pinks of light begonia or shrimp pink and notable for its heavy substance and slight ruffling. 3½ feet. AM 1956.

CELESTIAL SNOW (Brother Charles 1957) **\$7.50**
Reminiscent of a new snowfall. Your sense of sight will be charmed by its pure white beauty. Large, beautifully ruffled. Beard is white with a hint of lemon. 38 inches. HM 1957, AM 1959. Picture on back cover.

CIRCUS (Marx 1950) **Each 1.00; 3 for 2.50**
Something for the lovers of late blooming iris. In our gardens, the last blooms of this flashy bicolor are still around when the first Japanese iris begin to appear. The gay lemon-yellow of the standards contrasted by bright red veins on the creamy falls create a novel, striking effect. 3 feet.

CLIFFS OF DOVER (Fay 1953) **Each 1.00; 3 for 2.50**
Gorgeous, clear white with no haft markings and a light yellow beard. The beauty of this large ruffled flower is accentuated by the blue-green foliage. Good grower and fast increaser. Midseason. 3 feet. AM 1955. Picture page 4.

CLOUDCAP (DeForest '50) **Ea. 1.00; 3 for 2.50**
The largest of the shell pinks and very likely the tallest, as the name suggests. The color is close to CHERIE but what is amazing is its colossal size. Its magnificent substance makes the color smooth and keeps the ruffling crisp. One of the best parents for tangerine beards. HM 1951. Picture page 5.

COLORGLO (Schreiner 1953) **Ea. 1.00; 3 for 2.50**
One of the most colorful and beautiful blends. The falls are rose pink suffused gold and copper about the haft. Standards are golden buff. Flowers of good size on 3½-foot stems.

COLOSSAL (Marx 1946) **Ea. 1.00; 3 for 2.50**
Descended from WM. MOHR and EL CAPITAN, the gigantic flowers of this hybrid are as large or larger than ORMOHR. The color is quite similar to the ORMOHR violet but it blooms ten days to two weeks earlier. Of easy growth. 38 inches.

CONQUEST (Marx 1952) **Ea. 1.50; 3 for 4.00**
Might be described as a "Blue Lady Mohr." This giant two-tone oncobred is indeed an imposing flower. The standards are of delicate wisteria blue, the lighter-hued falls show a faint suffusion of chartreuse with a prominent bronze beard and a small purple signal patch. CONQUEST is vigorous, extra early and free blooming. 30 inches.

COPPER HALO (Gibson 1958) **Each 3.00**
Creamy white or ivory ground in both standards and falls laden and interwoven with rosy copper. Broad petals of thick texture and graceful ruffling. The lively coloration of Copper Halo harmonizes well in any garden. Very late. 34-36 inches. HM, AIS 1958. Picture on front cover.

CRISPETTE (Schreiner 1954) **Ea. 1.00; 3 for 2.50**
This orchid iris of great beauty is not only a color gem, whether viewed in the landscape scene or in the intimate atmosphere of a home arrangement. Its fluted broadly proportioned petals with their lacy edging stand up fresh and immaculate as long as the flower lasts. Early midseason. 34 inches.

DAME FASHION (Marx 1954) **Each 3.00**
An offspring of CHERIE and PINK FORMAL but decidedly pinker than either, and with all the top qualities of their famous parents. The baby pink color grows more intense as the bloom ages and complements the brilliant tangerine beard. Perfect 3-way branching. Up to 4 feet high. Midseason.

DANCING TIGER (Schreiner 1953) **Each 2.00**
A large, really bright yellow-ground plicata with a half-inch border of coppery brown shot through with fine, slender lines along the edges of the falls that account for the impressions of movement. No doubt, it is a fine improvement in yellow plicatas — both in size and color and bound to "go places." 38 inches tall.

DARK CHOCOLATE (Murray 1954) **Each 1.50; 3 for 4.00**
A complete self of rich dark chocolate. Flowers are large and beautifully formed with broad, heavily substantanced petals, slightly ruffled. Midseason. 38 inches. HM 1954. Picture page 3.

DAWN REFLECTION (Stevens 1948) **Each 1.00; 3 for 2.50**
Huge ivory plicata precisely edged in bright rose pink, the standards suffused a lighter shade of rose purple than the stippling of the falls. Immense blooms, magnificently formed, on well-branched 3-foot stems. Picture page 10.

DAWNING SUN (Marx 1960) **Each 5.00**
Beautiful light pinkish apricot flowers of flaring form and wonderful substance. Perfectly modeled, smoothly textured and long lasting blooms. In the garden, this sleek iris leaves nothing to be desired. One of the first large pink iris to bloom on medium stems up to 36 inches. Picture page 3.

DEEP BLACK (P. Cook 1955) **Each 1.50**
Medium sized flowers. Midseason to late. Solid jet-black with a deep violet beard. Standards dark violet and jet black falls. 3 feet. AM 1957. Picture page 7.

ELEANOR'S PRIDE **Each 4.00**
Beautiful powder blue self of crisp flaring form. Large flowers of good substance and fine texture. 1961 Dykes Medal winner. 3½ feet. Midseason. Picture on front cover.

ELIZABETH NOBLE (K. Smith 1955) **Each 2.00**
A grand new amoena of lightly ruffled and flaring form. Standards open a pale lavender and shortly turn to white; falls are a true purple with no veining and the white beard seems to illuminate the spectacular flower. HM 1955. 36 inches.

ELMOHR (Loomis 1942) **Each 1.00; 3 for 2.50**
Finest of all the WM. MOHR seedlings. With barely a ruffle the huge mulberry-purple flower just sits there in all the magnitude and glamor of the largest tall bearded iris plus the inimitable oncocyclis charm and elegance. Dykes Medal 1946. Picture page 11.

ELYSIAN GOLD (DeForest 1955) **Each 2.00**
Large ruffled flowers of sulphur yellow or chartreuse gold self. Has proven a good parent, especially in the search for new tangerine bearded plicatas. 38 inches.

EXTRAVAGANZA (Douglas 1944) **Each .75**
One of the loveliest of the amoenas, this highly rated iris has creamy-white standards and rich oriental purple falls with an artistic copper medley touching up the haft. The last iris to bloom. HM 1944, AM 1947. Picture page 10.

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You can have a most colorful border of Bearded Iris in bloom from March or April until May or June by planting Dwarf, Intermediate and Tall Bearded varieties.

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SILVER RIM
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DEEP BLACK
QUEENS LACE
FIRE BRIGADE

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FIRE BRIGADE (Schreiner 1957) **Each 2.50**

A definite addition to our limited number of good red Iris. Flower is a uniform crimson-red, is quite large and fairly tall. HM 1958. 36 inches. Picture page 7.

FOGLIGHT (Marx 1956) **Each 1.50; 3 for 4.00**

A cool combination of yellow and white. Standards of a clear, lustrous shade of sulphur yellow are set off against chalk white falls bordered in soft yellow and enlivened by an intense golden yellow haft and beard. Three to five large flowers open at once on erect 3½ to 4-foot stems above luxuriant bright green foliage. A 2 to 3-year-old clump is a beautiful sight. Midseason. Picture p. 3.

FROST AND FLAME (Hall 1957) **Each 3.00**

Considered by most experts as the finest frosty-white highlighted by a vivid tangerine beard. Sturdy well branched stems and relatively tall. 44 inches. HM 1957. Picture on front cover.

GAYLORD (Douglas 1950) **Ea. 1.00; 3 for 2.50**

A new and better Wabash. Much larger but otherwise very similar to the former leader in the amoena class and deserving of a place in your garden. 38 inches. HM 1949. Picture on page 5.

GENE WILD (Craig 1952) **Each 1.50**

Described as a "Fancy" in most of the trade catalogs. A plicata whose overall coloring is wine-rose on white. Original and worthy of your consideration. HM 1954. 36 inches.

GIBSON GIRL (Gibson '48) **Ea. .75; 3 for 2.00**

This one can really be relied upon for spring as well as fall blooming. The heavily marked plicata blooms in light pink to deep rose mulberry on cream ground delight all with their color, size and form. 36 inches.

GOLDEN LAKE (Marx '53) **Ea. 1.00; 3 for 2.50**

Glittering golden yellow of unmatched intensity. The color is as rich as that of OLA KALA but the flower is at least one-fourth larger. Tall, perfectly branched, slender stems hold 4 to 5 open flowers at a time. Vigorous, rapid increaser. Midseason. 4 feet.

GOLDEN SUNSHINE (Schreiner 1952) **Each 1.00; 3 for 2.50**

A lovely formed iris of excellent habits and generous size, in just that intermediate tone of pure soft yellow that was heretofore so scarce. It is free from both orange tones and lemon-lime tints, soft as the first sunshine in early spring. Midseason. 38 inches. HM 1954.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY (Hall 1952) **Each 1.00; 3 for 2.50**

One of the famous Hall "Flamingo Pinks." Deeper in tone than BALLERINA and more colorful than CHERIE, this is indeed one of the finest. Also a strong grower and free-growing increaser. Midseason. 38 inches. HM 1952.

HARBOR BLUE (Schreiner 1954) **Each 1.00**

The lucid sapphire blueness of a Bermuda harbor provided the name for this lavish and immense blue iris. Leathery substance makes it practically wind and weatherproof, and the vigorous bamboo-like stems of flawless branching bear the massive blooms with ease. Late midseason. 40 inches.

HELEN COLLINGWOOD **Each 1.00; 3 for 2.50**

A beautiful two-toned iris of captivating charm and notable refinement. Flowers are large and perfectly poised on well branched stems. Standards of light lavender and bright violet falls make a striking contrast. Blooms midseason to late and grows up to 40 inches high. Picture page 2.

INCA CHIEF (Mitsch 1952) **Ea. 1.00; 3 for 2.50**

A ruffled mammoth golden-bronze blend, brilliant, lustrous and vibrant, that has both quality and charm to guarantee it success. Midseason. 3 feet. HM 1952, AM 1954.

IRMA MELROSE (DeForest 1956) **Each 1.50**

A very large lemon yellow plicata with lighter falls bordered with darker yellow. There is a faint peppering around the beard and in the throat. This beauty is crisp, flaring, ruffled and graceful. 38 inches. Picture on front cover.

JANE PHILLIPS (Graves 1950) **Each .75; 3 for 2.00**

Most experts agree that this is one of the nearest approaches to true blue. A descendant of the famed HELEN MCGREGOR, it is a slightly deeper light blue and equals the parent in form, size and poise. Early midseason. 34 inches. HM 1950, AM 1952. Picture page 4.

JUNE MEREDITH (Muhlestein 1954) **Each 2.00**

A large flowered deep pink self of wonderful substance. Well shaped and a favorite in our display gardens. HM 1953; AM 1956.

LADIES DAY (Marx 1956) **Ea. 2.50; 3 for 6.00**

The ladies certainly had their day with this new white seedling in our gardens, so the choice of the name was a natural. We believe we have achieved here just about the ultimate in a ruffled-iris, grace and beauty. The light yellow beard complements the pure whiteness, and the frilling is so exquisite, it literally hides the size of the bloom. Well branched. Midseason. 42 inches.

LAVANESQUE (Schreiner 1953) **Each 1.00; 3 for 2.50**

Far outclassing such orchid pinks as DREAMCASTLE and HARRIET THOREAU this frilled orchid giant is our answer to those seeking the topnotch iris in its color class.

LEADING LADY (Lyll 1949) **Each .75**

Yes, this scintillating lady leads the parade of the new ice or lemon yellow iris. In no other variety are the white and lemon tones so sharply contrasted. It was a case of love at first sight with us and we think you, too, will be quickly won over by this beauty. 3 feet.

LIMELIGHT (Hall 1952) **Each .75**

One of the most novel iris we have ever offered and one of the most beautiful as well. Lace-like canary yellow blossoms of great size with a discernible greenish yellow cast are freely produced on 35-inch stems. The cool refreshing air of the flower makes it all the more irresistible. Medium late. HM 1952, AM 1954.

MALLOW PINK (Marx 1957) **Each 1.50; 3 for 4.00**

This luscious pink blend never fails to elicit warm praise from those who see it in the garden or indoors as a cut flower. The color is uniform near mallow or amaranth pink (Maerz and Paul) and definitely a warmer tone than others in this color class. Flowers of good size and excellent substance, are produced in greatest abundance on stiff 3-foot stems.

MARY RANDALL (Fay 1951) **Each 1.50**

A deep rose pink self with tangerine beard, a new color fusion. Finely formed, well spaced and nicely branched. Midseason. 36 inches. Dykes Medal 1954.

MAYTIME (Whiting 1950) **Ea. 1.00; 3 for 2.50**

A lovely pink bi-color or amoena. The large, opulent flowers have standards of silvery lavender pink and deeper falls. Rather late. About 3½ feet. HM 1950. Picture page 11.

MISS PINK (Milliken 1955) **Ea. 2.00; 3 for 5.00**

Has been described as a pinker flamingo pink. Nearly a self, the falls being slightly lighter than the standards. Sports a bright tangerine beard and flowers are of good texture. 36 inches. Picture page 7.

MOONLIGHT SONATA (Stevens 1946) **Each .75**

Many fine iris have come from New Zealand and this enchanting iris is no exception. A soft sulphur yellow, not brilliant, but sleek and smoothly finished. In addition the petals are uniquely serrated. Semi-flaring flowers on 3-foot stems. Late. Picture page 4.

MYSTIC MELODY (Stevens 1951) **Each 1.00; 3 for 2.50**

There is a haunting loveliness about the butter-yellow, sun-drenched falls and the silky cream standards of this flower. An iris of elegance and distinction. Late midseason. 39 inches. HM 1952. Picture page 4.

NEW SNOW (Fay 1946) **Ea. .75; 3 for 2.00**

An immaculate white, fluffy as newly drifted snow. The bright yellow beard sets it off like a signal flag on a slalom run. Medium, late. 38 inches. HM 1946, AM 1948.

OLA KALA (J. Sass 1943) **Each .75**

A fine deep yellow iris that still rivals the latest creations in its color class. Most appealing with its ruffled flowers on imposing, nicely branched 36-inch stems. HM 1943, AM 1945, Dykes Medal 1948. Picture p. 10.

ORELIO (DeForest 1947) **Each .75; 3 for 2.00**

Large sized rich red iris of distinct hue and silken finish with broad petals of flaring form. Very brilliant. HM 1948.

PALLIDA VARIEGATA **Each .75**

Often called the Zebra Iris because of the striped green and yellow leaves. Flowers are of medium blue but the plant without blooms is a bright ornamental garden subject. Stock is quite scarce.

PALOMINO (Hall 1952) **Each 1.00; 3 for 2.50**

PALOMINO is a very apt color description of the standards with just a suggestion of pink to give them a faint flush; the falls are pale ivory with a copper-amber shoulder and trim all the way around. The beard flames like a bonfire. Truly a rare and beautiful color combination. Early midseason. 36 inches. Picture page 10.

PARTY DRESS (Muhlestein 1951) **Each 1.00; 3 for 2.50**

Charm, personality and quality, all wrapped up in one ruffled pink. It is pinker than PINK FORMAL and the most frilly of all the Flamingo Pinks. The tangerine beard is the longest and most colorful you can imagine. HM 1951, AM 1954. Picture page 5.

PIERRE MENARD (Faught 1948) **Each .75; 3 for 2.00**

A highly rated medium blue-hyacinth blue says the introducer. The massive, ruffled and semi-flaring flowers come very late. 36 to 40 inches. HM 1948, AM 1950. Picture page 10.

PINK FORMAL (Muhlestein 1949) **Each 1.00; 3 for 2.50**

Some call it spectacular, some sensational. So outstanding, it was the only flamingo pink among the runnersup for the 1953 Dykes Medal. Richer in color and substance than any other pink. Unsurpassed in hardiness in any weather. Flowers large, deeply ruffled and slightly on the salmon side. Some call it spectacular, some sensational. HM 1949, AM 1951. Picture page 11.

PINK PLUME (Schreiner 1951) **Each .75**

An orchid pink self similar to DREAMCASTLE but pinker and more beautiful in our estimation. Large flowers well spaced on 3-foot stems. Midseason. HM, AIS 1952.

PINNACLE (Stevens 1949) **Ea. .75; 3 for 2.00**
Sparkling white standards are contrasted by near wax-like falls of smooth primrose yellow, as clear and fresh as Daffodils in March. Broad, oval form. Good substance, branching and habits. Midseason. 35 inches. HM 1946, AM 1951. Picture page 11.

PORT WINE (Sass 1950) **Each 1.00**
Striking and commanding, this is one of the deepest-colored plicatas. The rich, enamel white standards and falls are so heavily bordered dark port wine red, they appear almost solid purple. Midseason. 37 inches. HM 1950, AM 1953.

PRETENDER (Cook 1951) **Each .75; 3 for 2.00**
Definitely a new and unique color pattern has been introduced with this bold "first." Soft creamy yellow standards and blue purple falls give us a unique and novel color combination that is absolutely different and a variety to excite the iris hybridizer. 36 inches. HM 1952. Picture page 4.

PRETTY QUADROON (Kleinsorge 1948) **Ea. 1.00**
Among the latest advances in the wonderful new brown tones is this smooth, metallic, light copper iris of faultless form, with broad, flaring, neatly ruffled falls and well-domed standards. Late midseason. 35 inches. HM 1948, AM 1950.

QUEEN'S LACE (Muhlestein 1955) **Each 2.50**
Heavily laced cream white with the edges of the petals, hafts and beard light yellow. Unopened buds are also cream white. Midseason to late. 36 inches. AM 1957. Picture page 7.

RAINBOW ROOM (Sass 1946) **Ea. .75; 3 for 2.00**
Seldom do we see so many multiple shadings of color so extraordinarily placed as in this iris. The flowers seem lighted as from within while the falls look as if dusted with gold crystals. Lovely ruffling adds to the perfect form. HM 1947, AM 1951. Picture page 4.

RASPBERRY RIBBON (Schreiner 1951) **Each .75; 3 for 2.00**
Well named, the large, jaunty, ruffled flowers of this excellent plicata are white with a wide raspberry border on the falls and a suffusion of the same color throughout the standards. A most striking plicata.

REGIS ROYAL (Marx 1950) **Each 1.50**
An absolute self in rose-toned garnet red. Visitors inquiring about this seedling, invariably refer to it as "that red iris," never using the words brown, copper or purple, as is the case with so many other iris classed as red. Midseason to late. 36-40 inches.

RUBY LIGHT (Marx 1950) **Each 1.00; 3 for 2.50**
Visitors never fail to pause and pay tribute to this sparkling ruby red iris. Strong, well branched stems. Midseason. 40 inches.

RUFFLED TAFFETA (Miess 1954) **Each 2.00**
Both falls and standards of this pinkish lavender iris have beautiful ruffling; closed standards, and almost horizontal falls. Plants are vigorous and have exceptionally large blossoms. Very tall. HM 1955.

SABLE NIGHT (Cook 1952) **Ea. 1.00; 3 for 2.50**
A blackish violet iris with a claret undertone of plushy richness. The harmony of its dark color with the somber purple and brown-tipped beard give it an air of great dignity. Midseason. 36 inches. HM 1952, AM 1954, Dykes Medal 1955.

SHADOW BLUE (Marx 1960) **Each 2.50**
We present a real novelty here, a reverse bicolor with blue standards and near white falls. Its cool, refreshing appearance provides a most effective companion planted with light yellow and pink iris. Ideally branched stems with many flowers open at once. 48 inches. Midseason. Picture page 3.

SIERRA SKIES (Schortman 1954) **Each 2.00**
Beauty of skies over the Sierras is recreated in this almost true spectrum blue. Flowers are large and well flared and of firm texture. Well branched and near perfection. HM 1954, AM 1956. 38 inches. Picture p. 7.

SIGNAL FLARE (Marx 1956) **Each 1.00; 3 for 2.50**
Well named, its golden yellow standards, trimmed with a wide band of rich copper brown and carmine-bordered combination, heightened by a white blaze just below the red-tipped yellow beard. Free-flowering in midseason. Wonderful border plant. 30 in.

SILVER RIM (Marx 1960) **Each 2.00; 3 for 5.00**
This striking violet blue iris with its unique silvery border has appealed to practically every visitor to our garden. The sparkling, frosty edge is much more pronounced than that of its parent, SKY CHIEF. Large flowers of excellent substance borne on stiff 40-inch stems. We recommend this unusual and entrancing new iris most highly. Midseason. Picture page 7.

SKY CHIEF (Marx 1950) **Each .75; 3 for 2.00**
Immense, elegantly formed flowers of soft, silver-margined blue on towering ideally branched 4½-foot stems. Ideal for background planting.

SOIREE (Marx 1951) **Each 1.00; 3 for 2.50**
A near amoenia of light mauve standards and deep amaranth purple falls, bordered light mauve. There is a soft metallic hue of gold in the center of the bloom that casts its sheen upward and outward and blends magnificently with the red jewel-like beard. 36 inches. Picture page 10.

SOLID GOLD (Kleinsorge 1951) **Each 1.00; 3 for 2.50**
Huge in size and deepest purest yellow imaginable. The form is ideal with very wide hafts, ruffling and texture, and the color, fade-proof even in hottest sun. Midseason. 36 inches. HM 1951, AM 1953.

SOLID MAHOGANY (J. Sass 1944) **Each .75; 3 for 2.00**
A large flower, elegantly formed. The dark mahogany red color appears smoothly polished, reflecting the sunlight as it plays on it. 38 inches. HM 1944, AM 1947. Picture page 5.

SOUTH PACIFIC (K. Smith 1954) **Each 2.50**
Introduced at \$100.00 per rhizome originally and still regarded by many judges as the best of its color. Is a blue self between pale Windsor blue and a light bright blue with an almost white beard. Standards are well domed and falls are nicely rounded. Has all the good points including fragrance. HM 1954, AM 1958. 40 inches. Picture page 3.

STATEN ISLAND (K. Smith 1947) **Each .75; 3 for 2.00**
Generally regarded as tops in the variegata group. Bright yellow standards and deep red, gold-edged falls without a trace of veining on the hafts. Late. 38 inches. HM 1948, AM 1951.

SUNSET BLAZE (Kleinsorge 1948) **Each 1.00; 3 for 2.50**
Blazing indeed is this golden flame blend—so dazzling it is almost red. The flowers are nicely ruffled and just flaring enough to bring out the color. Early midseason. 40 inches. HM 1949, AM 1951, Dykes Medal runnerup. 1953.

SWAN BALLET (Muhlestein 1955) **Each 3.00**
Exquisite, ruffled white flower with a white beard. Falls are round and flare horizontally. Very heavy substance. Midseason to late. 40 inches. AM 1957. Dykes Medal 1959.

TALLCHIEF (DeForest 1956) **Each 2.00**
This brilliant red self with its orange beard is really a step forward in search for the true red iris. Just about the finest red iris, in our opinion. HM 1957. Picture on front cover.

TAN BOY (Marx 1949) **Each 1.00; 3 for 2.50**
A well-bred flower of elegant light bronze, the falls a shade lighter and brighter than the standards. Massive, lightly ruffled blooms of excellent substance and texture are borne on superbly branched 38-inch stems. Late.

TECHNICOLOR (Whiting 1950) **Each 1.00; 3 for 2.50**
A near approach to true spectrum red. It surpasses most of the known reds in color and smoothness with its glowing ruby mahogany quality. Very floriferous and an excellent parent. Midseason. 34 in. HM 1950.

TECHNY CHIMES (Brother Charles 1955) **Ea. 2.50**
A spectacular luminous yellow of exceptional clarity. Entire flower is full and nicely formed. Delightful orange-tangerine beard. HM 1955, AM 1957. 36 inches.

THOTMES III (Kleinsorge 1950) **Each 1.00; 3 for 2.50**
As impressive and awe inspiring as its name. Large, glistening golden tan with a light bronze beard, of excellent substance. Midseason. 40 inches. AM 1953.

THREE SIGNALS (Marx 1954) **Each 1.00; 3 for 2.50**
The distinguishing feature of this large-flowered smooth violet iris is the unique white blaze on each fall just below the yellow beard. The moderately ruffled, semi-flaring flowers are spaced just right on well branched 40-inch stems. Picture page 11.

TOP FLIGHT (Hall 1953) **Each 1.00**
A deep rich orange-apricot with a huge, long, deeper apricot beard. The standards and falls are practically the same shade but the striking beard sets this Iris in a class of its own. 34 inches. AM 1955.

TOP SAILS (Marx 1952) **Each 1.00; 3 for 2.50**
The tallest iris we've ever grown, average height 5 feet—we've even had some up to 6 feet. The extra large flowers are cream, with the falls a shade darker, semi-flaring. High branched slender stems. Lush foliage, most resistant to leaf spot. Midseason.

TRULY YOURS (Fay 1949) **Each 1.00**
A spectacular iris. The center of the flower is brightest yellow, shading to almost pure white at the bottom of the falls and the top of the standards, yet trimmed in yellow all around the edges. It's the most ruffled, lacy-edged of all iris. Very late. 40 in. HM 1949, AM 1951, Dykes Medal 1953.

VIOLET HARMONY (Lowry 1952) **Each 1.00; 3 for 2.50**
Awarded the President's Cup in 1953 this nicely ruffled light violet is accented by a lighter patch in the center of the falls. Dykes Medal 1957. Picture page 4.

WEDDING BOUQUET (Buttrick 1952) **Each 1.50**
As name implies, a white of distinction. As buds unfold they are almost chartreuse and unfold to blooms of purest white with a slightly chartreuse cast on the underside of the petals. Flowers are large and plentiful. HM 1952, AM 1956. 35 inches.

WHITE PALOMINO (Hall 1958) **Each 2.50**
An exact replica of its famous namesake Palomino except that it is a pure white. Has the same tangerine beard and the same copper markings at the base of the standards and in the proximity of the haft. Copper markings and vivid beard make a vivid contrast to the otherwise perfectly white flower. 36 inches.



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PALOMINO
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EXTRAVAGANZA
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BAKERS DOZEN

COLLECTION I-10

Each a leader in its color class. Truly a top notch collection for the beginner not yet familiar with modern Tall Bearded Iris.

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NEW PINK IRIS

COLLECTION 1-11

From many thousands of pink seedlings grown from such famous varieties as DAME FASHION, PINK FORMAL, HAPPY BIRTHDAY, CLOUDCAP and others, we selected about 14 clones as being outstanding and worthy of introduction. All of the new pink shades, including **flamingo, salmon, shrimp, raspberry, rose and orchid** and mostly with the tangerine beard trademark, are present in these finest selected pink seedlings. We were several times on the verge of introducing most of these seedlings but because of the close similarity to many of the highest priced pink novelties now on the market, we decided to offer them as a group this year for prices within reach of all. If you are not interested in names but would like to have some of the finest new pink iris regardless of price, this offer is for you.

6 All Different \$5.95

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The world's finest JAPANESE IRIS developed at *Walter Marx Gardens*

Of supreme grace and charm, the Japanese Iris has been acclaimed the Queen of all Irises. Immense flowers on erect, slender stems and clean, rich green foliage, attractive all season, are a boon for the most discriminating gardener. The plants we send our customers are vigorous clumps with heavy root systems—the finest plants obtainable anywhere at any price. A trial order will substantiate this claim.

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MARHIGO® IRIS

PASTEL PRINCESS
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CULTURE: Cultural suggestions included with all orders of Marhigo Iris.



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IMPERIAL COLLECTION

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SEA TITAN	PASTEL PRINCESS	VALIANT PRINCE
SNOWY HILLS	PIN STRIPE	CRYSTAL HALO
REIGN OF GLORY	WOODLAND BROOK	FRILLED ENCHANTMENT

Collection Price . . . \$25.00

(Catalog Value \$34.50)

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SHIPMENT: Any time except June-July and December-January.



9 MARHIGO IRIS

pictured on pages 12 and 13

CRYSTAL HALO (Marx 1959)

Each 4.00

Rarely we come upon a new seedling that is quite different from any other. This is such an iris. In place of the usual dark colored border this unusual Marhigo catches the eye first of all with its wide white rim. The striking contrast of white against the inner lavender ground penciled purple creates a most dramatic picture. The flat flowers enhance the color combination even more emphatically. Well branched stems bear several 8 to 9-inch blooms on 4-foot stems for weeks in midseason. Picture page 12.

FRILLED ENCHANTMENT (Marx 1959)

Each 7.50

We have closely observed this fascinating Marhigo iris and honestly believe it is one of the loveliest things ever to appear among the countless thousands of seedlings that bloom here annually. Its freshness and charm seem to grow on us each year. Similar to one of its parents, Kurume-Dome, but definitely superior in all respects. The flowers are 1/4 larger, more ruffled, with a sharper and cleaner color pattern. The clear white flower with narrow borders of bright rose red is without doubt the best we have yet produced in its color class. Branched stems usually bear 4 flowers on 3 1/2-foot stems. Midseason. Picture page 12.

PASTEL PRINCESS (Marx 1956)

Each 2.00

Selected from our Manon Series for its most delicate pastel shade of orchid. The color is almost white by comparison to other pinks and tends more toward true lavender. Its soft tints are suggestive of fragility and translucence yet the flower possesses wonderful substance and finest texture. Wide petaled and flaring, the 7-inch blooms are ideally proportioned and will please those who delight in delicate colors. Midseason. 3 feet. Picture page 13.

PIN STRIPE (Marx 1954)

Each 2.00

A most refined, delicately veined selection, superior in every way. The color pattern is sharp and clear: Pure white ground penciled bright blue with tufted centers of white styles and petaloids brushed blue violet. The 4-foot stems are well branched and bear 4 to 5 flowers in midseason. Picture page 13.

REIGN OF GLORY (Marx 1953)

Each 3.00

A rare beauty for those who seek the ultimate in charm and exquisite color pattern. At first glance the flower might be described as silvery blue but close inspection reveals a most intricate network of fine delicate stippling and reticulations of sky blue over a white ground. Fully double 8 to 9-inch flowers on well-branched stems produced over a long period. Height 40 inches. Midseason. Picture page 12-13.

SEA TITAN (Marx 1957)

Each 3.00

Our largest blue Marhigo. A light (near Veronica) blue emanates from around the golden signals and gradually merges into a very light purple getting more solid toward the petal edges (near Damsen). The light to moderately ruffled petals hold up beautifully and display the 10-inch bloom to greatest advantage. Stiff stems grow 4 feet with occasional one-way branching. Midseason. Picture page 12.

SNOWY HILLS (Marx 1954)

Each 6.00

A snowy white flower with an all-around frilly rim and golden rays emanating from the center of the bloom. A superior iris of large size, excellent form and great height. In fact several fanciers consider this to be our best double white to date. Wonderful substance. Midseason. 4 feet. Picture page 12.

VALIANT PRINCE (Marx 1959)

Each 3.00

Rich rose red flower of exceptional fine form and just enough ruffling for most graceful outline. Not a self, as the central portion is white, finely netted red with styles similarly marked. Large 8-inch flowers come early in the season on 4-foot stems. A beautiful cut flower that attracted lots of attention at our flower shows. Pictured page 13.

WOODLAND BROOK (Marx 1959)

Each 4.00

We have here a distinct color perhaps best described as violet blue. An absolute self possessing substance and texture that has commanded superlative appraisal every year since its maiden bloom in 1955. The opulent flowers are extra wide petaled and average 9 inches or more in diameter. Picture page 13.

UNUSUAL BEARDLESS IRIS

The following list of uncommon species includes some adapted to growing in shade and some ideal for the rockery. The crested species are among the most charming of all iris. Your rock garden will benefit from the addition of such enchanting species as CRISTATA, GRAMINEA, TECTORUM and VERA.

CULTURE: All will thrive under ordinary garden conditions. Those in the Sibirica section including Chrysographes and Forrestii are moisture lovers so must not be allowed to dry out during the summer months. **SHIPMENTS:** Spring and Fall.

CRISTATA (Evansia)

Each .85

You will be charmed by this daintily crested iris of light blue and gold. Sun or semi-shade. April. 4 inches. Picture page 14.

DOUGLASIANA (Oregon Species)

Each 1.00

Jauntily flaunting it pert, frilled flowers in varying shades of blue, yellow, pink and purple, this large, robust native of Oregon adds zest to any iris collection. Easy to grow in the East as well as the West. Will bloom even in dense shade. Evergreen. May.

GRAMINEA

Each 1.00; 3 for 2.50

A fine species that blooms well in shade. Red-purple and violet-blue flowers. Plum fragrance. June. 10 inches.

All 7 Beardless Iris

COLLECTION 1-14

COLLECTION PRICE.....\$5.00



STYLOSA



JAPONICA

JAPONICA

Each 1.00; 3 for 2.75; 6 for 5.00

The loveliest and most beautiful of all crested irises. Widely branched 2-foot stems bear dozens of dainty orchid-like flowers for weeks in late spring. Color is pale blue with orange crests. Bright evergreen foliage adds value to this charming iris. Easily grown in any soil in sun or shade but not hardy in the North.

STYLOSA

Each 1.00; 3 for 2.75; 6 for 5.00

The only iris that normally blooms during the winter months. The large flowers of clear lavender with gold markings on the falls may be seen any time from November until March. Must be planted in full sun in well drained soil. Eight to 12 inches. Not hardy in North. Large flowered form.

TECTORUM

Each .85; 3 for 2.00

The largest of all crested iris with wavy lavender blue blooms. Sun or light shade. May. 12 inches.

VERA

Each .85

Charming little iris. Dark blue flowers with orange signals. Requires some shade and prefers acid soil. May. 4 to 6 inches.

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DWARF BEARDED IRIS



Those among us iris lovers who can hardly wait for the year's season to start, have merely to plant some Dwarf Bearded Iris, as they'll have iris blooming with the first inkling of spring warmth. Indeed, the Dwarfs are up and in bloom with the Primulas and Daffodils, brightening up the rockery and the perennial border, or making a splashy little edging—and they are so easy to grow. New improved colors have been added to the impressive list of charming old faithfuls—an amazing array of variety in hue and form. No iris lover should deprive himself of this thrill. It is best to choose early, midseason and late varieties in all colors to prolong your blooming season as much as possible.

CULTURE: Same as Tall Bearded Iris. (See page 2.) **SHIPMENT:** July 15th to December 1st.

Recent Introductions We Offer for the First Time

- APRIL MIST** (Robinson '54) **.75**
Clear light blue, white beard. One of our daintiest miniature iris. 4 inches.
- BLUE FROST** (Doriot '57) **1.00**
Beautiful flaring form sky blue pumila hybrid with white beard. Tailored, smooth. 5 inches.
- FIRST CALL** (Jonas '55) **.75**
Light cream standards, lavender blue falls. Distinct from all others. Large flowers. 8 inches.
- GARNETTE** (Robinson '55) **1.00**
Two-toned velvety red. Fine grower. 7 inches.
- LITTLE ROSY WINGS** (Douglas '55) **.75**
Pleasing bi-tone. Rosy standards, flaring rose-red falls. Good breeder. HM 1961. 8 inches.
- RED OVERLAY** (Greenlee '56) **.75**
Red with blackish overlay. A real color gem. 5 inches.
- SNOW FAIRY** (Robinson '56) **1.00**
Lovely creamy white with greenish cast. 6 inches.
- VIOLET NIGHT** (Welch '55) **.75**
Nicely formed dark violet with violet beard. Much better than ATROVIO-LACEA.

APRIL SHOWERS (Marx '55) **Ea. .85; 3 for 2.00**
Domed lavender blue standards and semi-flaring falls of light purple with a lavender border and a pronounced yellow beard—a splendid bi-color with large ruffled flowers. Early to midseason. 6 inches.

ABLAZE (Welch 1956) **Each .75; 3 for 2.00**
Vivid gold and mahogany variegata with a bright orange beard. Early. 5 inches. HM '56.

BLAZON (Welch 1952) **Each .75; 3 for 1.50**
Very dark maroon self with brilliant gold beards. Wonderful form and substance. Extra early. 7 inches. Caparne Award 1955.

BLUE BAND (Cook 1950) **Each 1.00; 3 for 2.50**
Soft blue violet; early and free flowering. Extra early. 6 inches. HM 1952.

BUTCH (Welch 1953) **Each .85; 3 for 2.00**
A dark red purple self with white beard. Excellent form with domed standards and flaring falls. Early. 6 inches.

CREAM DELIGHT (Marx '51) **Ea. .85; 3 for 2.00**
Beautifully formed flowers of a pleasing cream or ivory shade produced with lavish abandon. Largest blooms. Rapid increaser. 6 inches.

CHERRY SPOT (Welch 1956) **Each 1.50**
Standards white; cherry red falls with a white border. White beard. Early. 7 inches. HM 1956.

CUP AND SAUCER (Welch '51) **Ea. .75; 3 for 1.50**
As picturesque a flower as the name implies. The light mulberry standards sit on saucer-like falls of light pink, heavily overlaid with mahogany red. Prolific bloomer. Early. 6 in.

ELF CHARM (Marx 1961) **Each 1.00; 3 for 2.50**
A remarkable little dwarf of intriguing color and fascinating form. The standards are cream, the falls a shade darker. There is a bluish green suffusion in the central part of the flower. The long pointed shape further distinguishes this dwarf. A WINSOME seedling. 10 inches. Late.

GUPPY (Marx 1961) **Each 2.50**
Loveliest medium blue with no veining whatever. Extra fine form like our MOON GLEAM. A lovely shade near Campanula (Maerz and Paul) and distinct from all other blue varieties. Height averages 6 inches. Midseason.

KEEPSAKE **Each .75; 3 for 1.50**
Very miniature golden yellow with a bright orange beard. 4 inches.

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DWARF IRIS 17th Anniversary Special

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DWARF BEARDED IRIS



JACKANAPES (Marx 1961) Each 2.00; 3 for 5.00

We have grown literally thousands of different Dwarf Iris but never have we seen this color in another. Ever since its maiden bloom this seedling has been referred to in the test garden as "Purple Smoke." It is a smooth, smoky purple self with no veining. Full petaled flowers of rounded form. Profuse bloom on 8-inch stems. Early.

LITTLE SKIPPER (Marx '48) Ea. .85; 3 for 2.00

Unusual bi-color of near sky gray and "West-point blue" falls. Fondly named for its extreme dwarfness. 4-5 inches.

MOON GLEAM (Marx 1947) Each .85

Very near sulphur yellow self with semi-flaring falls. One of the finest light yellows. 5-6 inches. HM 1949.

TAMPA



Any sunny well drained spot is suitable for these little iris. A single plant will increase to a large clump in 2 to 3 years and simply cover itself with flowers for weeks. An ideal subject for the rockery and a perfect companion for primroses or daffodils. New colors in the dwarf iris now make them more desirable than ever before.

SO. CHARLESTON, WEST VIRGINIA

Just a few words of thanks to you for filling my orders with such splendid stock and the careful way you package them so they arrive in perfect condition. Each package I receive from Walter Marx Gardens is like getting another birthday gift. I especially want to thank you for the catalogs you send; they are really my "Wish Books." I just wish I could afford to send you bigger orders but my budget doesn't allow it. So I'll be anxiously awaiting the enclosed order for Marhigo Iris.

Mrs. O. R. Melton

PAM (Marx 1951) Each .75; 3 for 2.00

The flowers of this delightful white and yellow dwarf are much like the tall bearded variety PINNACLE. A mass of blooms on established plants. 8 inches.

PATH OF GOLD (Hodson '43) Ea. .75; 3 for 1.50

This bright yellow literally covers the ground. 9 inches. HM 1951, Caparne Award 1957.

PROMISE (Cook 1952) Each 1.00; 3 for 2.50

The first approach to pink in dwarfs. A pearly mauve pink with wide, rounded, flaring falls beautifully ruffled. 4 inches. HM 1952.

SOUND MONEY Each .75; 3 for 2.00

Excellent low-growing deep yellow self. Winner of highest awards. Early. 5 inches.

SUN DROP (Marx 1948) Each 1.00; 3 for 2.50

Very bright yellow self. A few shades lighter than its parent Sound Money. 6 inches.

TAMPA Each .85

Our finest red miniature, another arenaria seedling. 6 inches.

TANTALIZER (Marx 1952) Each 1.00; 3 for 2.50

A fascinating and bizarre little oncobred. The entire ground color is near buff yellow with maroon purple stripes. The color pattern is quite similar to our little Chipmunk, a denizen of nearby woods. The slender 10-inch stems each bear two flowers which are produced in greatest profusion. Very vigorous and blooms with the latest dwarfs.

TEDDY BEAR (Marx 1956) Ea. 1.00; 3 for 2.50

A most unusual blend, the perky standards are light olive with scattered violet markings, the satiny falls deep violet with a narrow olive brown edge. A luminous yellow beard lights up the whole flower. Late. 6 inches.

TINY TREASURE Each .75; 3 for 2.00

Dainty yellow with flaring falls. One of the best arenaria hybrids. 6 inches.

WEE ADMIRAL (Marx '47) Ea. .75; 3 for 2.00

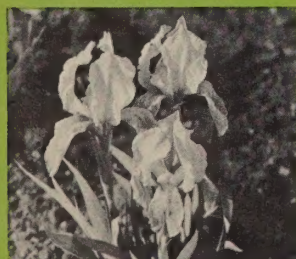
Intense dark red purple color and precise styling make this semi-flaring dwarf an iris you can't overlook. HM 1949.

MOON GLEAM



IRISES in bloom from early April to late July....JUST TH

For APRIL-MAY Blooming SPRING CAPER COLLECTION of DWARF Bearded Iris



BLUE FROST. Beautiful sky blue with white beard. Flaring form. 5 inches.

ELF CHARM. Enchanting cream with bluish-green tints in central part of the flower. 10 inches.

APRIL SHOWERS. Smoky lavender and red-purple bi-color.

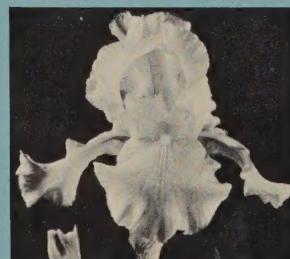
PAM. White and yellow bi-color. A miniature tall bearded PINNACLE. 8 inches.

ABLAZE. A vivid gold and mahogany variegata with bright orange beard. 5 inches.

RED OVERLAY. Red with blackish overlay. A real color gem. 5 inches.

ALL 6 SPRING BEAUTIES for . . . \$3.00
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For MAY-JUNE Blooming RAINBOW COLLECTION of Giant Bearded Iris



MISS PINK. Most beautiful new pink. Splendid grower and heavy bloomer.

DARK CHOCOLATE. The very finest BROWN variety. Nothing like it.

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RUBY LIGHT. Sparkling ruby red with orange beard. Wonderful color.

THREE SIGNALS. Distinctive medium blue with white blaze on each petal. Large and tall.

MOONLIGHT SONATA. One of the very finest canary yellow varieties. From New Zealand.

CRISPETTE. Loveliest orchid pink. Large ruffled flowers.

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ARGUS PHEASANT. Huge, brilliant copper brown. Highest awards winner.

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LILLIPUT IRIS

A fondness for the smaller irises led to our discovery of this new group of Median Iris and their value to any iris planting. We are pleased to be able to offer them now for the first time. Lilliputs are the result of crossing Tall Bearded varieties with the tiny and variable species, *pumila*. Flowers average a little smaller than the Intermediate group and the foliage does not exceed one foot in height. Blooming height varies from 10 to 18 inches. Since all Dwarf Bearded Iris bloom is past by the time the Tall Bearded flowers appear, the Lilliputs offer the answer for complementary and simultaneous color as they bloom with the late Intermediate and Tall Bearded varieties. All possess fine form and good substance and with their many bright clear colors provide ideal material for foreground planting in any perennial border. We feel certain you will enjoy this new addition to our already comprehensive iris offering.

CULTURE: Same as Tall Bearded Iris, page 2.

SHIPMENT: July 15th to December 1st.

BARIA (Cook 1951) **Each .85**
A beautiful little iris with light yellow petals which are slightly waved. Early. 12 in.

BRITE (P. Cook 1955) **Each 1.00**
White ground suffused light yellow and suggestion of green around the white beard. HM 1957. 11 inches.

DARK STAR (G. Douglas 1955) **Each 1.00**
A complete blue-purple self with a beard of matching color. 12 inches.

GARNET TREASURE (Douglas 1953) **Each 1.00**
Standards are light wine red while the falls are deep garnet, bordered in wine. Midseason to late. 10 inches.

GREENSPOT (P. Cook 1951) **Each .85**
Fine off white with a half inch spot of bright green in the falls. Spreading horizontal falls. Early. 12 inches. HM 1951.

HAPPY THOUGHT (Douglas 1953) **Each 1.50**
All around perfection. Profuse blooms of soft sulphur yellow. Fragrant. 10 inches.

LILLIPUT (Douglas 1953) **Each .75**
Ruffled fragrant blue-violet flowers nicely flared and of good substance accented by blue spot on falls and white beard.

LITTLE SHADOW (G. Douglas 1953) **Each .85**
A complete self with both flower and beard a deep blue-violet. 12 inches.

PICTURE YELLOW (Douglas 1954) **Each 1.50**
A dwarf that is really different. Two tones of yellow with the lighter yellow standards gradually whitening as flower ages. 10 in.

PIGMY GOLD (Douglas 1953) **Each 1.00**
The color of this little iris is bright chrome with very velvety flaring falls; good form and habit. Fragrant. Midseason to late. 10 inches.

POGO **Each .85**
Everyone falls in love with this sprightly little fellow. Color is orange-yellow with a big dark mahogany red patch on the falls. Really different. 10 inches.

TINKERBELL (Douglas 1954) **Each 1.00**
Our favorite of the Lilliputs. Neat flaring sky blue of exquisite form. Dainty falls are accented by a deeper blue patch. Ruffled to perfection. 12 inches.

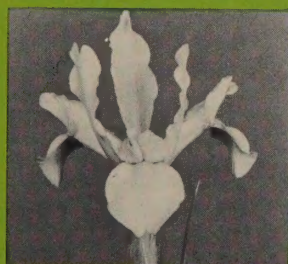
6 LILLIPUT IRIS

COLLECTION L-17

All Different \$3.95

INK OF IT! 4 solid months of color!

For JUNE Flowering
GIANT DUTCH IRIS
of recent introduction



TANGERINE. Large flowers of deepest golden yellow. Very late.
DELFT BLUE. Purest delft blue. Distinct from all others.
JOAN OF ARC. Immense white with golden signals. Tall.
BRONZE BEAUTY. Most beautiful combination of bronze, olive green and purple.
KING MAUVE. Violet mauve near orchid. The best of this color.
LE MOGOL. One of the best pure brown varieties. Late.

6 BULBS EACH VARIETY (36 Bulbs) \$3.75
(Catalog Value \$5.25)

Plant these irises this year and enjoy four solid months of colorful beauty in your garden year after year. All are hardy, permanent and easily grown with ordinary garden care. Top Quality Oregon-Grown Plants and Bulbs.

For JULY Blooming
GORGEOUS MARHIGO®
STRAIN of Japanese Iris



LARGEST FLOWERED OF ALL IRIS

Huge 8 to 12-inch blooms in colors ranging from light orchid pink to deepest crimson, sky blues to deepest blues, purest lavender to darkest purple. Also pure white and whites with colored veins or borders. Bloom after the bearded iris are past.

6 HEAVY CLUMPS, All Different \$5.00

(Catalog value \$23.90) . . . **\$12.95**
LABELED AND POSTPAID



INTERMEDIATE IRIS SANGREAL, RED ORCHID, COSETTE, GOLDEN BOW, CHALLENGER

INTERMEDIATE IRIS *the ideal border Iris*

For a prolonged uninterrupted blooming season of iris, the Intermediates are indispensable. They come into bloom when the Dwarf Bearded Iris have finished their show and their display will be over before the Tall Bearded Iris open theirs. In size and height of bloom they are also intermediate, so they are ideal between the tall background iris and the edging of dwarfs, or in spots where both the very tall and the very low would seem out of place. Some bloom both in spring and fall.

CULTURE: Same as Tall Bearded Iris, page 2.

SHIPMENT: From July 15 to December 1.

ARIEL Each .85; 3 for 2.00
Exceptionally fine sky-blue self. Medium-size flowers on slender stems. 24 inches.

AUTUMN QUEEN Each .85; 3 for 2.00
A popular rather short white which performs regally in spring as well as in the fall. Most reliable rebloomer.

BLUE PRINCESS Each .85; 3 for 2.00
A lovely soft blue self of onco and regelio blood with large orange beard.

CHALLENGER Each .85; 3 for 2.00
Large, dark purple and handsome.

CLOUD FLUFF (Greenlee 1955) Each 2.00
A handsome, wide and ruffled white with a white beard. Early. 18 inches.

COSETTE Each .85; 3 for 2.00
A pure white as popular as a lovely white bride.

ELEANOR ROOSEVELT Each .85; 3 for 2.00
Elegant purple self. Repeats bloom in fall.

GOLDEN BOW Each .85; 3 for 2.00
Deepest golden yellow, excellent form and substance.

KANSAS INGELSIDE Each .85; 3 for 2.00
Warm blend of coppery red with reblooming tendency.

MARTIE EVEREST (Kirkland 1953) Each .85; 3 for 2.00
Fragrant lavender blue and reliable fall bloomer. Very large.

OCTOBER OPERA Each .85; 3 for 2.00
Rather large rich wine-red flowers. Nicely branched stems. Rebloomer.

RED ORCHID Each .85; 3 for 2.00
Unusually fine red purple, another fine border iris.

SANGREAL Each .85; 3 for 2.00
Finest light yellow and a most reliable fall bloomer.

SOUTHLAND Each .85; 3 for 2.00
A grand yellow and the best fall bloomer in this color class.

BORDER QUEEN COLLECTION

COLLECTION I-18

6 Intermediate Iris \$3.00
All Different and Labeled

12 Intermediate Iris \$5.00
All Different and Labeled

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RARE BULB IRIS



IRIS TUBEROSA

The iris listed here are uncommon in American gardens. All are strikingly beautiful and some, including the Junos, are distinctly different. The very dwarf reticulata group blooms with the earliest crocus. The Junos and tuberosa bloom with the dwarf bearded iris.

SHIPMENT: From September 1st to December 15th

BUCHARICA (Juno) Each .60; 12 for 5.00

Lovely white and yellow flowers in axils of leaves. Large bulbs will produce 5 or 6 flowers over a long period of time. The Juno iris differs from the rest of the genus both in leaf and flower. 12 inches. Illustrated.

DANFORDIAE (Reticulata) 3 for .85; 12 for 3.00

Charming bright yellow dwarf iris. Very early. February-March. 3 inches. Picture page 19.

GRAEBERIANA (Juno) Each .75; 12 for 6.00

A new species which we like very much. The flowers are clear medium blue with white blaze on falls. Robust grower. Each bulb produces 8 or 9 flowers. 12 inches.

RETICULATA 3 for .50; 12 for 1.50

The type is brilliant dark purple with orange crests. All of the reticulatas are like the Dutch Iris in miniature. 4 inches. Picture page 19.

RETICULATA CANTAB 3 for .85; 12 for 3.00

Dainty light blue with orange markings. 5 inches. Picture page 19.

RETICULATA J. S. DIJT 3 for .60; 12 for 2.00

Flowing red purple flowers, sweetly scented and one of the prettiest iris in our garden. 4 inches. Picture page 19.

SINDJARENSIS (Juno) Each 1.50

One of the most beautiful of this section and one of the bluest of all iris. The color varies from light to medium blue. Each bulb produces 4 to 5 very large ruffled flowers. 12-inch stems. Illustrated.

SIND-PERS (Juno) Each 3.50

This rare hybrid resulting from a cross between sindjarensis and persica will be always treasured by those who possess it. Large intensely ruffled flowers of soft powder blue with a bright orange blaze on each fall. Three to 4 flowers bloom in succession on 4-inch stems. Something extra special for any rockery.

TUBEROSA (Species) 3 for .60; 12 for 2.00

Unusual flowers of apple green with velvety purple black blotch on fall. 6 inches.

VARTANI ALBA (Reticulata) 3 for 1.00; 12 for 3.00

Perhaps the daintiest of all: Pure white flowers with orange crests. The first to bloom, often as early as January. Very hardy.

VICARIA (Juno) Each .60; 12 for 4.50

This fine robust species will delight the most discriminating with its many white-blue tinged flowers. As many as 7 or 8 flowers to each stem. Blooms with Bucharica. 12 inches. Illustrated.

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RETICULATA DANFORDIAE CANTAB J. S. DIJT

VERNAL JEWEL COLLECTION

COLLECTION RB-19

3 Reticulata 3 Reticulata Danfordiae 3 Reticulata J. S. Dijt
3 Reticulata Cantab 3 Reticulata Vartani Alba

15 BULBS (Catalog Value \$3.80) \$3.00

JUNO IRIS

COLLECTION J-19

3 Different
Varieties

3 for \$1.75

6 for \$3.00

12 for \$5.50



CULTURE OF BULB IRIS

The Junos, Dutch and English are best planted 3 to 4 inches deep. The reticulata group and tuberous about 2 to 3 inches deep.

All thrive in ordinary garden soil with sharp drainage and sunny exposure. The

English enjoy abundant moisture until the flowering period and neutral or slightly acid soil.

All may be lifted after blooming if desired and stored in a cool dry place until fall. The Dutch and Spanish varieties make winter growths, so should receive winter protection in severest climates.





DUTCH IRIS

DUTCH IRIS are unsurpassed as cut flowers. In addition, their bright colors make them first rate garden material especially if planted in groups or beds. The smallest gardens can accommodate these iris, as several bulbs will require so little space. In bloom with the tall bearded iris. Height averages 20 to 26 inches.

CULTURE: *The Dutch and English are best planted 3 to 4 inches deep. All thrive in ordinary garden soil with sharp drainage and sunny exposure. The English enjoy abundant moisture until the flowering period and neutral or slightly acid soil. All may be lifted after blooming if desired and stored in a cool, dry place until fall. The Dutch and Spanish varieties make winter growths, so should receive winter protection in severest climates.*

BELLE JAUNE 6 for .85; 12 for 1.50; 100 for 7.50
Beautiful two-toned yellow of large size that is already immensely popular. The color effect is golden yellow but the standards are actually several shades lighter. Splendid long, strong stems and excellent for forcing. Early.

BLUE CHAMPION 6 for .85; 12 for 1.50; 100 for 7.50
Perhaps the largest Dutch variety in existence. Beautiful clear medium blue flowers with a large yellow patch on each fall. Like WEDGEWOOD but blooms after the early variety is gone.

BLUE PEARL 6 for .85; 12 for 1.50; 100 for 7.50
The darkest Dutch iris we offer. The color is deepest violet with a bright yellow signal. Most effective in the garden. Midseason.

BLUE RIBBON 6 for .85; 12 for 1.50; 100 for 7.50
Our favorite of all blue Dutch Iris. The color is royal blue of amazing intensity and velvety texture unlike any other blue. Immense plants and foliage produce the big flowers very early. Largest bulbs of all. Without doubt one of the greatest new introductions.

BRONZE BEAUTY 6 for .85; 12 for 1.50; 100 for 7.50
A novel and distinct color in Dutch Iris. Bright purple standards and bronze olive green falls. An intriguing color combination that has caught the fancy of iris fans to such an extent that the supply is always short of demand. A fascinating cut flower and a fine keeper. Midseason.

DELFT BLUE 6 for .85; 12 for 1.50; 100 for 7.50
The name describes the color which is distinct from any other variety grown. An iris for the connoisseur who seeks a different blue iris. Vigorous and extra large. Early to midseason.

GOLD AND SILVER 6 for 1.00; 12 for 1.75; 100 for 10.00
A 1950 introduction and our most striking bicolor. As the name implies, the standards are clear white without a trace of yellow and the falls are deep yellow with orange signals. Giant flowers on tall stiff stems. May be forced. Midseason.

HARMONY 6 for 1.00; 12 for 1.75; 100 for 10.00
Most unusual color combination that can be truly classed as a tri-color. Standards are clear, the circular olive yellow falls are contrasted by an extra large orange yellow signal. It stands out in any collection. Early.

ALLERTON, IOWA

We received the Iris bulbs and were they ever nice. I am sending for two more collections, as I had told you I would order more if they were nice. Thanks.

Mrs. Gertrude Exley

BUTTE, MONTANA

I thought you may be interested to know that the Marhigo Iris I bought a year ago survived a rugged Montana winter with temperatures going to 44° below zero and with only slight protection plus good drainage. They bloomed beautifully this summer and were exactly like the pictures. They were a sensation with everyone who saw them.

Jane Jenkins

HILDEGARDE 6 for .85; 12 for 1.50; 100 for 7.50
Our most beautiful light blue Dutch Iris. A tall early variety blooming with BLUE RIBBON and WEDGEWOOD.

JOAN OF ARC 6 for .85; 12 for 1.50; 100 for 7.50
One of the very largest whites and the best one for forcing. The creamy white flowers come on extra tall stems. A real beauty. Early.

KING MAUVE 6 for .85; 12 for 1.50; 100 for 7.50
Delicate violet mauve and the nearest approach to orchid in Dutch Iris. Large full flowers on fine stems. A beautiful garden variety. Midseason.

LE MOGOL 6 for .85; 12 for 1.50; 100 for 7.50
Handsome new bronze variety. Illustration depicts its beauty accurately. Very late.

LEMON QUEEN 6 for .85; 12 for 1.50; 100 for 7.50
Very large beautiful variety. Lemon yellow standards and sulphur yellow falls. Good forcer.

ORANGE KING 6 for 1.00; 12 for 1.75; 100 for 10.00
The largest and deepest solid orange yellow we have yet seen. Outstanding both in the garden and for cutting; a strong grower with the huge flowers on tall stiff stems. Very late.

PRIDE OF HOLLAND 6 for 1.00; 12 for 1.75; 100 for 10.00
The most recent import from Holland. Lightly ruffled pure deep yellow flowers of excellent form. Height 28 inches.

PRINCESS BEATRIX 6 for .85; 12 for 1.50; 100 for 7.50
Very large and the most radiant Dutch Iris in our collection. Standards are golden yellow and the falls are deepest orange. The color simply glows.

PRINCESS IRENE 6 for 1.00; 12 for 1.75; 100 for 10.00
Striking new variety of brilliant contrasting colors. Standards clear white, falls deepest orange. Very large and one of the very best. Picture on page 20.

SUNBURST 3 for 1.50; 6 for 2.75; 12 for 5.00
The finest Bronze Dutch Iris we have ever seen. Flowers are large, beautifully proportioned and are unusually brilliant for this color. About 20 inches high. Limited quantity available this fall.

WHITE PERFECTION 6 for .85; 12 for 1.50; 100 for 7.50
Most recent white introductions. Less formal but larger than White Pearl. Pure white flowers with small yellow signal on medium stem. Early.

DUTCH IRIS collection

COLLECTION DI-21

BLUE RIBBON BRONZE BEAUTY PRIDE OF HOLLAND
KING MAUVE LE MOGOL WHITE PERFECTION

6 each of all 6 varieties \$3.95

36 BULBS (Catalog Value \$5.10)

12 each of all 6 varieties \$6.95

72 BULBS (Catalog value \$9.60)

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YOU CAN HAVE IRIS IN BLOOM...

All year 'round

Study our Iris Wheel and note that every month of the year finds some kind of Iris in bloom. Time of bloom will vary, depending on your climate.

IRIS FOR EVERY PURPOSE

SHADY SPOTS

gracilipes, graminea, japonica, bracteata, douglasiana, in-nominata, tenuis

HOT, DRY LOCATIONS

Regelio-cyclis hybrids, Junos and reticulatas, Dutch and Spanish hyacinthiana, stylosa varieties

ROCK GARDEN IRIS

Reticulata, Dwarf bearded varieties, cristata, graminea, stylosa angustifolia, gracilipes (coolest location), Oregon iris (coolest location), ruthenica

PERENNIAL BORDERS

Tall and intermediate bearded varieties, Siberian and Spurias, Oriental Hybrids, Japanese varieties, Delavayi, Dichotoma, Wilsonii

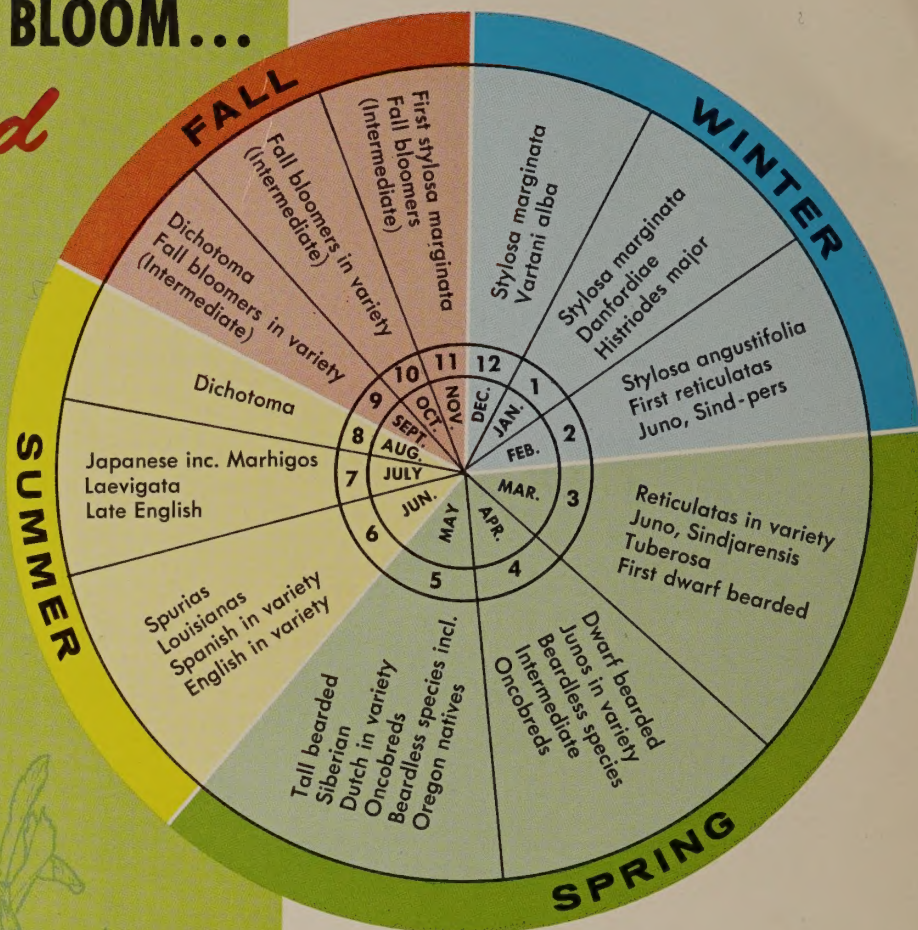
STREAMSIDE PLANTING

Japanese iris, Oriental Hybrids, Siberian and Spurias, Chrysographes, Delavayi, Forrestii, Pseudacorus, Wilsonii

FLORISTS' IRIS

Best Cut Flower Types

Dutch, English and Spanish varieties, Spurias, Japanese, Louisiana, Hyacinthiana



English Iris

LARGEST OF ALL BULB IRIS

English Iris are considered by many to be the most beautiful of all bulb iris. They are hardy in most parts of the country and are easily grown. Blooming after all the other bulb iris and ahead of the Japanese varieties, they fill an important place in the garden scheme. Their vigorous habits and lovely coloring in shades of blue, lavender, orchid pink, wine purple and white have gained great popularity for them everywhere. Besides their garden value the long stemmed orchid-like blooms are highly prized as cut flowers.

COLLECTION EI-22

MIXED COLORS:

6 for .85 12 for \$1.50



SPURIA IRIS

SPURIA and SIBERIAN IRISES are ideal for landscaping and are generally considered to be most desirable and effective for the perennial border. An established clump is always attractive, even out of bloom. They may be, and indeed should be, left undisturbed for years for maximum beauty. Siberian Iris average 3 to 4 feet in height, Spurias 4 to 6 feet. Absolutely hardy.

SPURIA IRIS COLLECTION

COLLECTION SP-23

6 Named Varieties Including Colors Shown at Left

ALL LABELED **\$3.95**

CULTURE: *SIBERIAN and SPURIA IRIS* will grow and bloom in almost any soil that suits other perennial flowers. However, they are moisture lovers and will grow twice as high and produce twice as many flowers, if kept constantly moist during their growing season.

SHIPMENT: Spring or Fall.

SIBERIAN IRIS

bloom with the Tall Bearded varieties. Their graceful grass-like foliage and dainty flowers provide ideal material for companion planting with their bold relatives.

SIBERIAN IRIS COLLECTION

COLLECTION SI-23

6 Varieties **\$3.95**

All Different and Labeled



CELESTIAL SNOW, See page 6

Walter Marx Gardens **COVER COLLECTION**

COLLECTION TBI-24

ELEANORS PRIDE

IRMA MELROSE

FROST AND FLAME

COPPER HALO

TALL CHIEF

ALL 5 Varieties for \$9⁷⁵
(Catalog Value \$13.50)

CELESTIAL SNOW
included with above iris **\$15⁰⁰**
(Catalog Value \$7.50)

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